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Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Basic programme of work of the Council

Draft proposals submitted by the President of the Council and members of the Bureau on the basis of informal consultations held pursuant to paragraph 2 (l) of Council decision 1988/77

Draft decision I
Proposed date of the special high-level meeting of the Economic and Social Council with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

The Economic and Social Council, recalling its resolution 2009/30 of 31 July 2009, decides that its special high-level meeting with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development will be held at Headquarters on 12 and 13 March 2012.

Draft decision II
Proposed date of the meeting of the Economic and Social Council on international cooperation in tax matters

The Economic and Social Council, recalling its resolution 2011/23 of 27 July 2011, decides that the one-day meeting of the Council to consider the question of international cooperation in tax matters, including institutional arrangements to promote such cooperation, will be held at Headquarters on 15 March 2012, in conjunction with the special high-level meeting of the Economic and Social Council with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

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Draft decision III
Provisional agenda for the substantive session of 2012 of the Economic and Social Council

The Economic and Social Council, having considered the proposed basic programme of work of the Council for 2012 and 2013,[1] approves the provisional agenda for its substantive session of 2012.[2]

Draft decision IV
Basic programme of work of the Economic and Social Council for 2013

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the list of questions for inclusion in the programme of work of the Council for 2013.[3]

Draft decision V
Working arrangements for the substantive session of 2012 of the Economic and Social Council

The Economic and Social Council decides on the following working arrangements for its substantive session of 2012:

(a) The high-level segment will be held from Monday, 2 July, through Monday, 9 July;

(b) The coordination segment will be held from Tuesday, 10 July, through Thursday, 12 July;

(c) The operational activities segment will be held from Friday, 13 July, through Tuesday, 17 July;

(d) The informal joint event of the operational activities and humanitarian affairs segments on the issue of the transition from relief to development[4] will be held on the morning of Wednesday, 18 July;

(e) The humanitarian affairs segment will be held from the afternoon of Wednesday, 18 July, through Friday, 20 July;

(f) The general segment will be held from Monday, 23 July, through the morning of Friday, 27 July;

(g) The work of the 2012 substantive session of the Council will conclude on Friday afternoon, 27 July.

[1] E/2012/1.
[2] Ibid., sect. I.
[3] Ibid., sect. II.
[4] General Assembly resolution 58/114, para. 6.

Draft decision VI
Theme for the thematic discussion of the 2012 substantive session of the Economic and Social Council

The Economic and Social Council decides that the theme for the thematic discussion of the high-level segment of its substantive session of 2012 will be "Macroeconomic policies for productive capacity, employment creation, sustainable development and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, in the context of sustained, inclusive and equitable economic growth in pursuit of poverty eradication".

Draft decision VII
Operational activities segment of the 2012 substantive session of the Economic and Social Council

The Economic and Social Council decides that the work of the operational activities segment of its substantive session of 2012 should be devoted to preparations for the General Assembly quadrennial comprehensive policy review of the operational activities for development of the United Nations system and the implementation of Assembly resolution 62/208 of 19 December 2007 and Council resolution 2011/7 of 18 July 2011.

Draft decision VIII
Theme for the humanitarian affairs segment of the 2012 substantive session of the Economic and Social Council

[*to be completed*]

Draft decision IX
Economic and Social Council event to discuss the issue of the transition from relief to development

[*to be completed*][5]

Draft decision X
Theme for the item on regional cooperation of the 2012 substantive session of the Economic and Social Council

[*to be completed*]

[5] Informal joint event of the operational activities and humanitarian affairs segments on the issue of the transition from relief to development (General Assembly resolution 58/114, para. 6).

Draft decision XI
Venue and dates of the twenty-seventh session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names and the Tenth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names

The Economic and Social Council, recalling its decision 2011/251 of 27 July 2011, by which it approved the provisional agenda, venue and dates of the twenty-seventh session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names and the Tenth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names, and taking note of the request of the secretariat for a change in dates of the meetings, decides that:

(a) The Tenth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names will be held at Headquarters from 31 July to 9 August 2012;

(b) The twenty-seventh session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names will be held at Headquarters on 30 July and 10 August 2012.